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In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were lower. The market tone was cautiously steady entering the week. Demand was in a full range of slow to fairly good, best into limited feature activity. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the light demand. Processing schedules for this week were normal.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2.5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 4.5 cents lower on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In Boston and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were lower for the larger sizes and medium. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, cautiously steady to steady. Retail demand was slow to fairly good where features were a factor. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Most breakers are satisfied with current inventories and were not seeking additional product at this time. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Supplies adequate to available.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta prices were lower on all sizes. In Florida prices were unchanged on smalls and lower on remaining sizes. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady entering the week. Demand was light to at times fairly good, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending December 06, 2002 was 78.68 cents, which was unchanged from a week earlier and 17.70 cents more than last year. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the light and unaggressive demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal for this week.

WESTERN Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 6 cents lower on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last Monday with California down 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 11%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings adequate.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was at best steady. Retail demand ranged light to at times good due to several ads that were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were sufficient for current requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	116-118	107-109	75-77
New York	80-84	78-82	60-64
Philadelphia	78-83.5	77-81.5	59-64.5

SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	70-77	68-73	51-58
Jackson (1)	80-82	77-79	64-66
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	78-88	76-86	58-69

MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	69-73	67-71	51-55
Detroit (2)	65-70	64-69	48-55
Major Ohio Cities (2)	67-71	66-69	50-53
Major Wisconsin Cities	68-75	67-73	51-55

WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	86-88	83-86	66-68
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	106	101	86
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 6 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 66. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 119, 2 for \$3, buy 1 get 1 free. California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	110
EXTRA LARGE	106
LARGE	101
MEDIUM	86

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-299	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	199	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	179	MEDIUM	175-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 13, 2002 will increase by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 06, 2002 were 256,772 cases which was 20 percent below the prior week and 22 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	215,754	41,018	256,772

% change from the prior week..... -24 +7 -20
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully for the light to moderate demand. Most breakers satisfied with current inventories and not seeking outside product. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	37-40	38-40
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	25-29	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to occasionally good. Offerings were not as available as earlier but still about sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Finished product supplies were clearing easily and some locations short of needs. The undertone was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-DEC-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.16
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were lower when compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-DEC-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-11.25 CENTS/LB.	7.75-8.5	8.34
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM DEC 09, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.3	22.1	9.3	17.0	70.5
	Change	1.2	3.3	0.3	-1.5	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.0	70.8	15.8	27.4	176.0
	Change	0.0	21.7	1.6	-0.3	16%
Large	Curr Wk	52.1	133.6	96.2	102.9	516.5
	Change	1.4	28.2	16.9	11.2	15%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.5	55.5	24.1	19.2	144.9
	Change	3.0	5.7	1.1	-6.0	2%
Small	Curr Wk	2.9	8.4	5.6	3.7	26.3
	Change	0.2	-3.4	0.0	-1.6	-20%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	24.6	8.1	20.0	64.7
	Change	-0.6	-1.6	0.3	2.5	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	37.6	42.8	32.9	31.6	185.7
	Change	10.3	0.8	12.3	1.2	16%
Total	Curr Wk	151.1	357.8	192.0	221.8	1184.6
Percent	Change	11%	18%	20%	3%	11%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1184.6	11%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	281.7	3%	38
Total Shell Egg	1466.3	9%	213

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	194.2	191.1	182.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 25, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 06, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
19.25								10.00								29.25							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	—	—	2.00	51.25	52.50	—	—	—	2.00	GL W J	51.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	59.50	1.00				
GL W XL	—	—	13.75	62.50	60.65	45.67	—	—	13.75	GL W XL	—	52.75	—	—	—	—	—	55.83	5.50				
GL W LG	—	—	6.50	62.00	63.00	45.64	—	—	6.50	GL W LG	43.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	54.61	4.50				
GL W MD	—	—	1.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	39.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	43.00	1.00				
GL W SM	28.50	29.75	1.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00														
NRBS - 48	—	—	2.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00														

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/30/02-12/06/02

CURRENT LOADS		101.75		FUTURE LOADS		68.50		TOTAL LOADS		170.25						
SE				NE		MW		SC				NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	51.00	56.67		51.40	52.71	—	—	27.00	GNR W XL	44.00	48.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	54.00		—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	58.25	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 3	—	—		—	—	—	42.00	2.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—		—	—	34.50	36.00	1.00	GL W J	51.33	—	—	—	57.50	59.84	6.25
GNR BR 1	—	—		—	80.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	49.80	52.25	—	—	—	55.46	14.50
GL W J	—	—		—	—	49.00	—	4.25	GL W LG	46.80	57.90	—	—	—	58.56	20.75
GL W XL	—	63.16		62.88	63.58	45.65	—	53.25	GL W MD	39.00	—	—	—	—	44.74	4.75
GL W LG	—	59.73		52.60	61.67	50.36	62.00	37.50	NRBS - 39	35.25	—	—	—	—	41.25	2.00
GL W MD	—	39.00		41.50	44.65	35.98	41.00	13.00								
GL W SM	28.50	29.75		29.00	30.50	—	—	3.00								
GL BR MD	—	—		28.00	29.00	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 50	—	—		—	—	—	41.33	6.00								
NRBS - 48	—	43.00		35.00	37.00	36.62	39.16	38.25								
NRBS - 45	—	—		—	—	—	38.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—		14.00	16.00	—	31.50	3.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA

State	Number Cases	Number Cases	Number Cases	Total State
	Shipped To	Shipped To	Shipped To	
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	

NOT AVAILABLE

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	97-100	88-91	56-59	25-28

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
71-81	65-68	62-67	48-52	31-35

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
46-50	30-34	11-15

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	12/2/02	11/25/02	12/3/01
PACIFIC COAST	773	797	242
LOS ANGELES	708	747	188

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 11/24/02-11/30/02
30-dozen case 4,971

Receipts from the mainland: 11/17/02-11/23/02
30-dozen case 7,214

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
91.65	89.73	74.03	53.27

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